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SUBJECT U.S. Diplomat Expelled from Russia

DAN RATHER: The Soviet Union today ordered the expulsion of an American diplomat assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, charging that he was a spy. The Russians said that he had been caught "red-handed." He was identified as Richard W. Osborne, a first Secretary in the Embassy's economic section. He arrived in Moscow last August.

The Soviet government newspaper has said Osborne was caught three days ago with sophisticated radio equipment able to transmit via a U.S. satellite. The U.S. State Department confirmed the assertion, but would not comment on the charge. The last known expulsion of a U.S. diplomat from Moscow was five years ago.

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